

TOO MUCH BIG HEAD.

Feeling in Japan that she moves the world.

Whatever quality is lacking in Young Japan, it certainly is not that of self-conceit. According to an article from the *Kokumin Shinbun*, which we translated in our Saturday's issue, the time when Japan had any thing to learn from Europe and America is past, and it is not for Japan to teach them. Nothing can more fully show what a thin veneer of civilization has enveloped Japan, than the insertion of such a phrase in what is supposed to be one of the serious journals of the capital, and how little the Japanese really know, may be judged of from the utterance of such sentiments. Japan is to be no longer dependent on other countries for goods, she is to supply them, and we are told that countries now stand in dread of Japan. St. Petersburg is in alarm because Japan is having some men-of-war built, and the Welch coal merchants pass sleepless nights because of the fluctuations in the coal market. It may be thought amusing to write rubbish such as the above, but those who know the actual circumstances of the case can have but a very poor opinion of the sense of those who believe it. Statistics are used in the article simply with the design of misleading. An exceptionally heavy import of Cotton Yarn took place in the years 1888 and 1889, and consequently a comparison is made between 1889 and 1893 to show that the import of yarn was five million dollars less in the latter year than in the former. This is perfectly true, but if the comparison had been made between the year 1886 or 1891, or 1892 and 1893 the import in the last named year would be larger than in any of the former ones, and what is more, the imports in 1894 were greater than 1893. We only quote these figures to show the absurdity of the comparisons made by the *Kokumin*. For every one knows that the Japanese mill industry has been much increased during the last few years, and is liable to make still greater strides; and although the Lancashire mill-owners view with dislike the continued imports of spinning machinery into this country, it will, we imagine, be a long time before Japan becomes independent of outside commerce; and still longer before she causes any anxiety to Lancashire by largely exporting to foreign countries. Meanwhile every one notes and does credit to the advances Japan is making in industrial affairs, but a little less self-complacency on the part of her self-elected trumpeters would certainly not be amiss.—*Japan Mail*.

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